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SUBJECT: IRAQI KURDISTAN - END OF ICRC ACTION

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RECENT ICRC PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING
TERMINATION OF ICRC RELIEF ACTIVITIES FOR BENEFIT OF IRAQI KURDS.
QUOTE: THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC)
HAS HAD TO PUT AN END TO ITS RELIEF ACTION ON BEHALF OF VICTIMS
OF THE CONFLICT IN IRAQ KURDISTAN. FOLLOWING THE AGREEMENT
REACHED BETWEEN IRAN AND IRAQ, THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT INFORMED
THE ICRC THAT IT DID NOT OBJECT TO THE CONTINUANCE OF ICRC RELIEF
OPERATIONS FOR IRAQI KURDISTAN, WHICH IN FUTURE, HOWEVER, MUST
BE APPROVED BY THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT. THE LATTER, HOWEVER,
HAS ASKED THE ICRC TO CEASE ITS HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE OWING
TO THE NEW SITUATION CREATED BY THE AGREEMENT.

AT THE REQUEST OF THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT, THE ICRC HAS
ALSO CEASED ITS SUPERVISION OF THE REPATRIATION TO IRAQ OF
KURDISH REFUGEES FROM IRAN, A ROLE ENTRUSTED TO IT BY THE
IRAQI GOVERNMENT AT THE END OF FEBRUARY.

IN VIEW OF THE NEW SITUATION, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
OF THE RED CROSS HAS REMINDED ALL PARTIES CONCERNED THAT
IT REMAINS READY AS EVER TO HELP ALL VICTIMS.

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